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Lucas

25X1 MEMORANDUM FOR: *M*

Though this will appear in the evening Murphy Commission log, I thought you should be aware of this now.

*Please get
copy of
this
discussed
with
me*

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25X1 *Crane* *discussed*
Heaton 11/20/74

20 Nov 74
(DATE)

1150 hrs, 20 Nov 74

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[redacted]
Kent Crane called you, and since you were not here, wanted to leave a message.

He said he would like to get word to [redacted] on the following, and that he would have gone into it earlier but that he could not because of others in his office at the time.

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Crane said that the Commissioners have decided that CIA must maintain a covert action capability, as a result of the Director's briefing. The Commissioners say they want a "hard-nosed" rationale as to why CIA should have that capability, because the Commissioners want to be able to respond to students & others who rant about it, and also those that say there should be none. Crane said the Director made some interesting points about this during his briefing, but the Commissioners want more. Crane said maybe there is something already extant that does this.

Said he is going out of town now, but that if you could get word to [redacted] on this, that he hopes that a clandestine activities paper could be thought about while he is gone, and then he would like to be contacted re this on Monday when he returns.

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KENT B. CRANE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

November 19, 1974

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Noted by DCI
11/21/74

The Honorable William Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Director:

Your briefing before the Commission on the Organization of Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy yesterday was exceedingly well-received. The subcommittee members seem to have a good appreciation for the necessity to continue clandestine activity and are well-disposed toward recommending solutions to some of the problems you posed.

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Sincerely,



Kent B. Crane
Administrative Assistant

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The Honorable Robert D. Murphy
Chairman of the Board
Corning International Corporation
717 5th Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Dear Bob:

Attached is a copy of a letter I recently sent to Fran Wilcox. I propose to address the covert operations interest in context with your earlier letter to me. You will appreciate that the sensitivity of current activities precludes wider discussion. However, should you or other commissioners desire further elaborations, please let me know.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

Attachment
as stated

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Dean Francis O. Wilcox
Commission on the Organization of the
Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy
2025 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Fran:

Thank you for your letter of 25 October requesting a briefing on covert operations to be given the Commissioners on 18 November in the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board offices.

We plan to provide a broad treatment of the subject with some historic examples and a description of the decision processes involved, their approval and oversight. The briefing will be designed particularly to provide the Commissioners with a clear picture of how covert operations serve U.S. foreign policy. Current covert operations will not be covered. Should any of the Commissioners find further need to go into sensitive current activity, I have advised Ambassador Murphy that I will treat with this request separately in a more restrictive session.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

cc: Ambassador Murphy

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